

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Montoli in view of Boucheron. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of November 2, 2006, which states that, while Montoli fails to teach an engageable body in a groove to be engaged by an engaging body on the cover, Boucheron teaches a recessed groove with an engageable body and an engaging body.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite an engageable body that has a surface configured for receiving a force exerted through the through hole to flexibly deform and to disengage the engageable body from the engaging body, thus, releasing the engagement. For example, Figure 1 of applicant's application discloses an embodiment in which there is a tapered surface (126) on an engageable body (116b) on which an article (C) inserted through a through hole (121) exerts a force to flexibly deform the bent piece (124) of an engageable body (116b), releasing the engageable body (116b) from the engaging body (116a). Boucheron does not disclose or teach an engageable body having a surface that is configured as claimed for receiving a force exerted through the through hole to flexibly deform and to disengage the engageable body from the engaging body. Instead, the cover of Boucheron is detached by sliding out the reinforcing element (3) from its bore (6) and then removing the cover. Since Montoli fails to teach an engageable body in a groove at all, none of the cited references discloses a surface on an engageable body that receives a force exerted through the through hole to flexibly deform and to disengage the engageable body from the engaging body. In the like manner, claim 2 now recites an engageable portion that has a surface configured for receiving a force exerted through the second groove to flexibly deform the engageable portion to disengage it from the engaging portion. Since Montoli and Boucheron do not disclose a surface configured for receiving a force exerted through a through hole or a second groove to flexibly deform and to disengage the engageable body or portion as recited in claims 1 and 2, this rejection should be withdrawn.

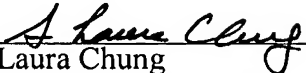
Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Li in view of Boucheron. The Examiner has maintained the rejection of November 11, 2006, which states that, while Li fails to teach an engageable body in a groove to be engaged by an engaging body, Boucheron teaches a recessed groove with an engageable body and an engaging body. Claims 1 and 2 now recite an engageable body or portion which has a surface configured for receiving a force exerted through a through hole or a second groove to flexibly deform the engageable body or portion to disengage it. As mentioned above, Boucheron does not disclose an engageable body or portion with a surface configured for receiving a force exerted through the through hole or the second groove to flexibly deform the engageable body or portion as claimed. Since Li fails to teach an engageable body in a groove at all, none of the cited references discloses a surface configured for receiving a force to flexibly deform an engageable body or portion as claimed, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, the claims in this application are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **371312002300**.

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